

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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OK Notice CONOP-65

For: County Offices

EQIP Prompt Pay Policy and Date Stamps

Approved by: State Executive Director



1 Overview

**A
Purpose**

This notice provides guidance on prompt payments for EQIP due to the changes in responsibilities caused by the passage of the 2002 Farm Bill.

2 Prompt Pay Policy

**A
Policy**

County offices are to continue to follow the provisions in Handbook 61-FI (Rev. 2), Exhibit 4, paragraph K, except that "October 1 of the FY following the FY of contract approval" is no longer applicable. The 2002 Farm Bill eliminated the provision, which prohibited issuing a payment until the year following the year in which the contract was approved.

**B
Date
Stamps**

Prompt payment interest accrues on all payments not issued by 30 calendar days after the due date. NRCS is responsible to date stamp the completed CCC-1245 and invoices when received from the producer. In the absence of a date stamp by NRCS, the due date would be calculated from the date the producer signed the CCC-1245.

FSA county offices shall continue to date stamp all documents when received from NRCS, including approved CCC-1245's submitted for payment.

Disposal

April 1, 2004

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Distribution

County Offices